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AMENDMENTS TO AND LIST OF THE CLAIMS: The following is a list of all claims that were ever in the application with appropriate status designations and the text of all active claims.

1-31 (CANCELED)

32. (NEW) A method of adding a sound annotation to a recorded stream of sound, comprising:
 - a. providing a recorded stream of sound,
 - b. inserting a predetermined sound marker into said recorded stream of sound, said predetermined sound marker being distinguishable from the sound in said recorded stream,
 - c. providing a recorded sound annotation,
 - d. providing a user-operable link between said predetermined sound marker and said recorded sound annotation so that when said predetermined sound marker is reached during playback of said recorded stream of sound, a user can elect to hear said recorded sound annotation,whereby a user can elect to listen to only relevant or desired recorded sound annotations, thereby increasing the likelihood that a user will listen to the recorded stream of sound and relevant or desired sound annotations, thereby improving communication and collaboration.
33. (NEW) The method of claim 32 wherein inserting said predetermined sound marker into said recorded stream of sound is done so that said predetermined sound marker is in a position that corresponds to a place in said recorded stream of sound to which said sound annotation is connected.
34. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein said sound annotation contains information or content relevant to the location of said sound marker in the said recorded stream of sound.

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35. (New) The method of claim 32, further including creating and playing back said sound information.
36. (New) The method of claim 32, further including providing security control for distributing said sound information or granting access to said sound information.
37. (New) The method of claim 32, further including providing a second sound annotation, linking said second annotation of sound with said first-named sound annotation, thus nesting said sound annotations.
38. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein said recorded stream of sound, said sound markers, and recorded sound annotations consists of sound selected from the group consisting of sounds which are below, within, and above the range of sound frequencies which can be heard by the human ear.
39. (NEW) A system for distributing or providing access to recorded sound information to at least one user, comprising:
- a. a computer system for storing, managing, and distributing said sound information, said computer system comprising:
- 1) a recorded stream of sound,
 - 2) at least one recorded marker of sound, comprising a predetermined sound inserted into said recorded stream of sound, said predetermined sound being distinguishable from other sound in said recorded stream of sound,
 - 3) a separately created and recorded sound annotation,
- said marker of sound providing a user-operable connection or link to said sound annotation so that when said marker of sound is reached during playback of said stream of sound, a user can elect to hear said recorded sound annotation,

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b. a device for creating, selecting, and playing back said sound information and,
c. a communication facility for interconnecting said device and said computer system,
whereby a user can elect to listen to only relevant or desired recorded sound annotations,
thereby increasing the likelihood that a user will listen to the recorded stream of
sound and relevant or desired sound annotations, thereby improving
communication and collaboration.

40. (New) The system of claim 39, further including means for creating, selecting, and
playing back said sound information.
41. (New) The system of claim 39 wherein inserting said marker of sound into said
recorded stream of sound is done so that marker of sound is in a position that
corresponds to a place in said recorded stream of sound to which said sound
annotation is connected.
42. (New) The system of claim 39 wherein said sound annotation contains information
or content relevant to the location of said sound marker in the said recorded
stream of sound.
43. (New) The system of claim 39, further including means for providing security
access control for creating, selecting, and playing back said sound information.
44. (New) The system of claim 39, further including distributing or providing access to
said sound information.
45. (New) The system of claim 39, further including means for generating said sound
information by said computer system according to predefined logic or
conditions which are stored in said computer system, or generating signals for
action or attention based on content of said sound information according to
predefined logic or conditions which are stored in said computer system.

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46. (New) The system of claim 39, further including means for tailoring said computer system execution through a plurality of user-defined operational parameters which are stored in said computer system.

47. (New) A system for augmenting sound information, comprising:

- a. means for recording a stream of sound,
- b. means for inserting at least one marker or glyph into said stream of sound, said marker or glyph having a predetermined frequency,
- c. means of recording at least one sound annotation,
- d. means for associating said annotation of sound with said marker or glyph so that when said stream of sound is played and said marker or glyph is reached, said sound annotation can be selectively played,

whereby a user can elect to listen to only relevant or desired recorded sound annotations, thereby increasing the likelihood that a user will listen to the recorded stream of sound and relevant or desired sound annotations, thereby improving communication and collaboration.

48. (New) The system of claim 47, further including means for inserting said marker of sound into said recorded stream of sound is done so that marker of sound is in a position that corresponds to a place in said recorded stream of sound to which said sound annotation is connected.

49. (New) The system of claim 47, further including means for containing information or content relevant to said recorded stream of sound.

50. (New) The system of claim 47, further including means for providing security access control for creating, selecting, and playing back said sound information.

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51. (New) The system of claim 47, further including means for distributing or providing access to said sound information.
52. (New) The system of claim 47, further including means for providing a second sound annotation, linking said second sound annotation with said first-named sound annotation, thus nesting said sound annotations.
53. (New) A system for augmenting sound information, comprising:
- a. a sound stream recorder for recording a stream of sound,
 - b. a glyph inserter for inserting at least one marker of sound or glyph of sound into said stream of sound, said marker or glyph having a sound frequency,
 - c. a sound annotation recorder for recording at least one sound annotation, and,
 - d. a circuit for associating said annotation of sound with said marker or glyph so that when said stream of sound is played and said glyph is reached, said annotation of sound can be selectively played,
- whereby a user can elect to listen to only relevant or desired recorded sound annotations, thereby increasing the likelihood that a user will listen to the recorded stream of sound and relevant or desired sound annotations, thereby improving communication and collaboration.
54. (New) The system of claim 53 wherein said glyph inserter for inserting said glyph of sound into said recorded stream of sound is arranged so that said glyph of sound is inserted in a position that corresponds to a place in said recorded stream of sound to which said sound annotation is connected.
55. (New) The system of claim 53 wherein said sound annotation contains information or content relevant to the location of said glyph of sound in the said recorded stream of sound.

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56. (New) The system of claim 53, further including means for providing security access control for creating, selecting, and playing back said sound information.
57. (New) The system of claim 53, further including means for distributing and providing access of said sound information.
58. (New) The system of claim 53, further including means for generating said sound information by said system according to predefined logic or conditions which are stored in said computer system, or generating signals for action or attention based on content of said sound information according to predefined logic or content of said sound information according to predefined logic or conditions which are stored in said system.
59. (New) The system of claim 53, further including means for tailoring said system execution through a plurality of user-defined operational parameters which are stored in said system.

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